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SUBJECT: CANDIDACY OF ALEXANDRU BOLINTINEANU FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

REF: YOUR TRANSMITTAL SLIP, AUGUST 4

1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE CANDIDACY OF ALEXANDRU
BOLINTINEANU FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, THE
DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A SIMILAR NOTE FROM THE ROMANIAN
EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON AND REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES THE RECEIPT OF THE
NOTE DATED JULY 27, 1976, FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA REGARDING THE CANDIDACY OF
DR. ALEXANDRU BOLINTINEANU FOR ELECTION TO THE INTER-
NATIONAL LAW COMMISSION.

"IT IS THE PRACTICE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO
REFRAIN FROM ENDORSING ANY SPECIFIC CANDIDATES UNTIL THE
RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUPS HAVE DECIDED WHICH CANDIDATES
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ABOVE-MENTIONED NOTE IS APPRECIATED AND WILL BE CAREFULLY

CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN REACHING ITS
DECISION ON WHICH CANDIDATES TO SUPPORT."

2. EMBASSY RESPONSE TO THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD
BE ALONG THOSE LINES.

3. WE HAVE NO INDICATION AS YET THAT BOLINTINEANU IS THE
CHOICE OF THE UN EE GROUP AND AS YOU ARE AWARE, IT IS US
POLICY TO REFRAIN FROM ENDORSING ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE
UNTIL THE RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUPS HAVE DECIDED WHICH
CANDIDATES TO SUPPORT.

4. FYI: THE CURRENT UN DOCUMENT (A/31/134, 14 JULY
1076) INDICATES THAT THERE ARE FOUR CANDIDATES FROM THE
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES APPLYING FOR THE THREE POSITIONS TO
WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED, SO THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE
CAREFUL NOT TO ENCOURAGE ROMANIANS REGARDING US SUPPORT
OF THEIR CANDIDATE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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